

Governor's Executive Orders/Proclamations

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the full-text publication of all Executive Orders and Proclamations of General Applicability issued by the Governor. In addition, the *Register* shall include each statement filed by the Governor in granting a commutation, pardon or reprieve, or stay or suspension of execution where a sentence of death is imposed. With the exception of egregious errors, content (including spelling, grammar, and punctuation) of these orders has been reproduced as submitted.

*** CHINESE WEEK 2011: YEAR OF THE RABBIT ***

[M11-02]

WHEREAS, Chinese Week 2011 is a series of cultural, social and educational events celebrating the rich and diverse ethnic and cultural heritage of 5,000 years of the Chinese culture; and

WHEREAS, Chinese Week will be celebrated during a three-day culture and cuisine festival, paying tribute to Arizona's Chinese community; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese New Year is traditionally celebrated on the first day of the first lunar moon, and this is the Year of the Rabbit 4709; and

WHEREAS, Chinese Week symbolizes celebration and represents the characteristics of the people born under the sign on the Year of the Rabbit including cleverness, sensitivity and exquisiteness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 7-13, 2011

*** CHINESE WEEK 2011: YEAR OF THE RABBIT ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janice K. Brewer
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this third day of January in the year Two Thousand Eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth.

ATTEST:
Ken Bennett
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK ***

[M11-12]

WHEREAS, as parents, we desire the best education possible for our children; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Arizona agree that improving the quality of education in Arizona and expanding access to great schools is an issue of importance to our State's leaders; and

WHEREAS, Arizona offers an array of high-quality public schools, public charter schools, private schools, and home-schooling options; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is a leader in innovative school choice options for students, parents and families; and

WHEREAS, the number of charter schools in Arizona has grown to more than 500 since the passage of Arizona's charter school law 15 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Arizona students may attend any public school of their choice, consistent with a long-standing and highly utilized system of open enrollment; and

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WHEREAS, Arizona students have exceptional opportunities to learn in alternative learning environments including virtual online instruction and homeschooling; and

WHEREAS, more than 30,000 students last year benefited from a private school education as a result of tax credit contributions to school tuition organizations; and

WHEREAS, the vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, research in Arizona and across our nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with multiple schooling options improves academic performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 23 – 29, 2011 as

*** ARIZONA SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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Secretary of State

*** CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH ***

[M11-14]

WHEREAS, February 2011 is designated as Career and Technical Education month by the Association for Career and Technical education of Arizona and National ACTE; and

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their career fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the best education for all students is a rigorous education that blends the essential content of college prep studies with quality career technical education; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2011 as

*** CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH ***

and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

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*** CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK ***

[M11-13]

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects are the most frequently occurring birth defects and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with Congenital Heart Defects; and

WHEREAS, every year 40,000 babies are born in the United States with Congenital Heart Defects; and

WHEREAS, some Congenital Heart Defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth, causing many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes who have not been diagnosed with Congenital Heart conditions; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 there were 2,485 hospital admissions in Arizona of infants with congenital heart disorders; and their hospital charges amounted to \$326 million; and

WHEREAS, despite these statistics, newborns and young athletes are not routinely screened for Congenital Heart Defects, with a disproportionately small amount of funding available for Congenital Heart Defect research, parent/patient educational services and support; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by Congenital Heart Defects to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Congenital Heart Defects.

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*** CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK ***

and encourage all citizens to increase awareness, education and services for Congenital Heart Defects which each year affect thousands of babies in Arizona.

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*** TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M10-17]

WHEREAS, teen dating violence crosses race, gender, and socioeconomic lines; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, females between the ages 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group – at a rate almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS, violent relationships during adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, including placing them at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult revictimization; and

WHEREAS, only 33% of teens report being physically abused or sexually abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, 81% of parents surveyed either believe dating violence is not a problem or admit they do not know it is a problem; and

WHEREAS, by providing young people with education about healthy relationships, building relationship skills, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to raise awareness among communities and to provide training for teachers, counselors, and school staff so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence.

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